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Applicants submit this Amendment in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed March 21, 2001. Attached for the Examiner's convenience and reference is a copy of the pending Claims. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 6 and 23-29.
Please amend the following claims:

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(Amended) A skin treatment apparatus, comprising:
a fluid delivery member with a tissue interface surface that remains conformable to a skin surface as the tissue interface surface is applied to a surface of the skin;
a fluid passage lumen coupled to the fluid delivery member; and
a thermal energy delivery device coupled to the fluid delivery member in a position to transfer thermal energy to an electrolytic medium that passes through the fluid delivery member.

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(Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the sensor is positioned at the tissue interface surface of the fluid delivery member.

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